

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:11cr190**

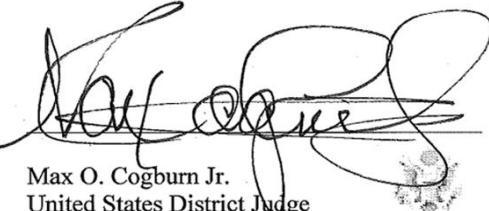
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
Vs.)	ORDER
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BONNIE KNIGHT BRIDGES,)	
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Defendant.)	
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THIS MATTER is before the court on the Petition to Adjudicate Claim to Property Under 21 U.S.C. 853(n) (#132) by petitioner Terry Lee Bridges who claims an interest in property listed in the preliminary order of forfeiture (#95). The issue appears to be whether Mr. Bridges has a valid claim to the property under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6)(B). The government's response reflects that petitioner has been consulted and plans on providing documentation of his right to the disputed property. The motion also reflects that, upon such a showing, the government is willing to consider "settlement options or other possible resolutions which may eliminate the need for a hearing." Govt. Resp. at 2. The court finds that a temporary stay of this matter is appropriate as it would allow time for petitioner's proffer and any subsequent settlement discussions. Accordingly, the court enters the following order.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Petition to Adjudicate Claim to Property Under 21 U.S.C. 853(n) (#132) is **STAYED** for a period of 30 days upon the entry of this order. At that time, the parties should file a consent motion notifying the court of any settlement or, in the alternative, any dispute remaining over the property at issue.

Signed: February 15, 2013



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Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge